

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

17 November 2024

"Your local Town Centre Church bringing God's love to the heart of the community".

If you are joining us for the first time, please make yourself at home and stay for tea or coffee which is served at the end of the morning service. Here you will have the opportunity to talk to members of the congregation who will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our Sunday services and weekday activities.



Sunday- 17 November

17 Nov 10.00am Service preparation
11.00am Worship led by Rev A Terrett
with Holy Communion
11.00am **EXPLORERS**

It would be appreciated if mobile phones are turned off or put in silent mode. Thank you
Care Team If you would like someone to talk to or to pray with in confidence, representatives from our Care Team are available at each service. They can be identified by their red badges.

Future Services

24 Nov 11.00am Tracey Burch
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
1 Dec 11.00am Deacon Vic Downs
11.00am **EXPLORERS**
8 Dec 11.00am Toy & Gift Sunday
Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard



Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett- Email a.terrett@btinternet.com (Alex's day off is Friday)
Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Email sheila_allison@btinternet.com **Pastoral matters**-Joyce Woodcraft
Email joyceatlast@talktalk.net **Property or administration** - Eric Davis Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk
Finances - Kate or Robert Hardy Email kateahardy16@gmail.com or roberthardy33@gmail.com
Deacon -Vic Downs (Retired) Email deacon45@virginmedia.com
Church Tel: 01474 328249 (answerphone) **or use the contact form on our church web site –**
www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk **Community Centre Manager –** Vicki Clarke Tel 328249
Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249
Weekly Notice Sheet Editor – for the next edition is **Eric Davis.** All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on Wednesday please. Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk
Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre, Milton Road and 4-9 Wilfred Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2RE & DA12 2HA Charity Number:1132238 Please follow us on Facebook – just look up Gravesend Methodist Church. Like the page, then share with others. **[The Grand** - tel 01474 320123 hello@thegrand.org.uk]

The Grand's activities are not included in this calendar of events.			
Mon 18/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Coffee, Cake & Conversation	Foyer	1000-1200
	Sisterhood	Foyer	1415-1530
	Badminton Club	Wesley Hall	1930-2200
Tue 19/11	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1300
	SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network)	Foyer	0930-1330
	Meopham Fellowship	14 Poplar Walk	1930
Wed 20/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	Crafty coffee	Foyer	1000-1215
	The Grand - 4th Portals Innovation Showcase Drumming workshop etc.	Church	1600-1930
Thur 21/11	Community Centre open	Reception	0900-1230
Fri 22/11	Daytime Hub	Community Centre	1000-1200
	RSI Teams Mix & Munch for homeless people	Wesley Hall	1400-1800
	Street Pastors Support & Prayer	Jubilee Room	2130-0230
Sat 23/11	'babyballet'	Wesley Hall	0900-1300
	Foodbank	Reception	1000-1200

The Grands typical weeks events at GMCCC - the Parlour is in exclusive use as their base. * = Youth event			
Mon	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1215-1345
	Tech Advice	Quiet Room	1230-1330
	GYG Adults singing	Foyer	1830-2030
Tues	Grand Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	Mini GYGers*	Wesley Hall	1600-1700
	Youth Council*	Quiet & Counselling	1600-1800
	Women's Exercise	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Wed	Ready, Steady, Go	Wesley Hall	1200-1300
	Yoga	Wesley Hall	1400-1500
	GYG Performers*	Wesley Hall & Foyer	1600-2130
	GYG Creative*	Jubilee Room	1600-1800
Thur	Grand Active & Additional Needs	Foyer	1030-1230
	Seniors Get Active	Wesley Hall	1030-1200
	GYG Committee & Gone wild*	Foyer	1600-1800
	GYG Dance*	Wesley Hall	1630-1830
	Exercise Class	Wesley Hall	1900-1945
Fri	English Classes	Foyer	1000-1330

A message from Robert Hardy.....

I shall shortly be creating a new rota for Sunday Morning Coffee. Thank you to all those on the rota at present and I shall include you again in my rota for 2025, unless I hear from you to the contrary.

Also, any new volunteers are more than welcome (once every 6 or 7 weeks or so) and if you would like to volunteer, please speak with me very soon so I can include you in the new rota.

Christmas is a comin!

We will be decorating the church and halls ready for the Christmas season on Wednesday 27 November from 10.00am. Please do not leave it to those in their 70's and 80's to do this. We need your help to spread the load, so it would be great to see you at church from 10.00am on the 27th please.

Gravesham Foodbank

We need a regular supply of mixed food etc please; so please remember Foodbank when doing your shopping. Thank you

Extract from a report to last week's Church Council

EXPLORERS - "You may have noticed that there have been rather more all-age worship services recently. This is because we do not have sufficient staff to run the group/groups. So, while we have a good number of young people, we do not have those of an age to help run Explorers. Poor health, age and other commitments mean that the three regular leaders cannot always be on duty; so, we are facing desperate times if we want to continue our children/young people's work.

We have already appealed on a number of occasions for support from members of the congregation to come forward and offer their services. Unfortunately, this has not met with any success.

We have reached a critical point and, in all probability, we will have to close Explorers on a Sunday morning unless we get some more volunteers or we think of another way to do Explorers. Even then we would need helpers.

If you have any ideas or would like to spend one Sunday with Explorers to see what goes on and gauge if you could join the team, **please speak to David, Mary or Hazel.** The more helpers we have, the less often you would be on the rota.

Please think and pray about the situation. It would be tragic if we had to close Explorers." Hazel Davis